Liddy Scores Lack Of Secrecy in U.S. In Magazine Article

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 13—G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate burglar who was freed on parole recently, has written a 4,000-word article for Chic magazine bemoaning "the terrible damage done to the U.S. intelligence community" by a national "compulsion for public disclosure."

Mr. Liddy's article, entitled "American Nightmare," is promoted on the magazine's cover as "G. Gordon Liddy Speaks His Mind." The year-old magazine is published by Larry Flynt, who gained notoriety as the publisher of Hustler.

The magazine's East Coast editor, Art Woodstone, refused to say how much Mr. Liddy had been paid but conceded that it was "a premium" amount, more than $1,000.

Mr. Flynt, listed as editor and publisher of Chic, was convicted earlier this year in Cincinnati on obscenity charges in connection with Hustler, his other magazine. He was arrested again, at his own wish, in Atlanta last Friday for distributing both magazines. He said that the arrest demonstrated "how antiquated the obscenity laws are."

Mr. Liddy's article is sandwiched between sexually explicit photographs of women and sexually oriented cartoons.

"Schizophrenically," Mr. Liddy writes, "we enact 'sunshine' laws, revealing critical intelligence material to virtually anyone who wants to know. Congressional committee staffs release sensitive classified information; irresponsible news media, with the imprimatur of a judiciary in their thrall, disseminate military and diplomatic secrets for friend and foe alike, while a euphoric public, believing in the media millenium, celebrates the rule of law in international affairs.

"The rest of the world, more perceptive than we about the true intentions of world leaders, watches without illusion the steppes of Russia where, as on the German plain in 1938, row on row the panzers grow."

Mr. Liddy goes on to say, "Fortunately, the men and women in American intelligence, in spite of the problems they face, continue to do what has to be done to protect our country's interests." He maintains his silence about Watergate throughout, but does defend "much-maligned covert activities."

Oswald Link to Cuba

He would not be surprised, he wrote, "to discover that Lee Harvey Oswald was acting for the Castro Government when he shot John Fitzgerald Kennedy." But Mr. Liddy disavowed any "specific knowledge of such covert activities," summing up:

"In short, it is as logical and appropriate that the Government of Fidel Castro should kill John Kennedy as it was for the Kennedy Government to seek to kill Castro."

Mr. Liddy wrote that he disagreed with the belief of some Americans "that our troubles are the result of a vast conspiracy." Instead, he believes that "the American national character has acquired a tragic flaw," namely, the belief that "man's unalterable nature" can be, and already has been, altered, with "blind good will and optimism." This flaw, he suggests, will be the undoing of the United States if the nation continues to act on it.